

Friday 18th November



Miss Hodge's weekly update

Our whole-school theme this term is 'Let's Celebrate' and this week, all classes listened to some online, live stories as part of an Inter-faith day: The Crying Camel (Islam) and Honi's Magic Circle (Judaism). This follows learning about Diwali in EYFS and year one, as well as whole school assemblies on this. Later in the term, we will also be listening to stories related to Christmas and Hanukkah in assembly, with related learning in classes, and of course, all of our children are also busily learning Christmas songs ahead of our performances! To start their RE learning, our year ones have also been sharing photographs of family celebrations to put into context how different faiths celebrate.

In year two this week, there were some very exciting visitors ... some with eight, some with no legs; some warm blooded, some cold blooded! Dolphin and Leopard loved their visit from 'Jonathan's Jungle' and his animals; a brilliant visit which enhanced their science learning about animals - how they stay healthy, habitats and survival needs. In EYFS, they have been thinking about keeping safe by learning how to cross roads safely: they might remind you of these rules when you are out and about!

Our school today has been a sea of spots, Pudsey and Blush bears; however, we have all been impressed by how respectful the children have continued to be and how all the Blush and Pudseys walked extra proudly around our school. We have raised £236.26 for Children In Need and thought about those it may help. An extra well done to Herbie in Dolphin who raised a further £21 out of school with a variety of fundraising ideas. What a great 'Understanding Others Bear'! Well done everyone.

Our Three Golden Rules

We are respectful.

We are ready to learn.

We walk proudly.

Our 'Star Learners' are selected each week for outstanding behaviour and attitudes, having demonstrated our three rules at all points and worked hard to be 'the best that we can be'. A huge well done and thank you to -

Lillie L (Dolphins)

Romeo (Leopards)

Arthur (Lions)

Reuben M (Penguins)

Erioluwa (Zebra)

Ellis (Giraffe)



The following children have been recognised as having been working especially hard this week to be 'the best that we can be'. Our Bromley Bears support children in developing personal attributes, with the aim of making successful lifelong learners.

<u>Giraffe class</u>	<u>Zebra class</u>	<u>Penguin class</u>	<u>Lion class</u>	<u>Leopard class</u>	<u>Dolphin class</u>
Oscar Try New Things Bear	Freddie Challenge Yourself Bear	Emilia Imagine Bear	Marley Work Well Bear	Xaichen Improve Bear	Zakir Work Well Bear
Aurora Try New Things Bear	Evie Challenge Yourself Bear	George Challenge Yourself Bear	Emily W Imagine Bear	Nancy Keep Going Bear	Ed Work Well Bear



Holidays in term time

Please note that we are unable to authorise holidays in term time as per our policy (joint with BHJ), based on DFE and local guidance. Last year, our attendance figures were lower than previous years because of Covid-related illness absence; repeated outbreaks of chicken pox, and families going on holidays postponed due to Covid restrictions. Please do consider whether there are alternative options if booking a holiday in term time. A two week holiday will reduce your child's attendance over the year by over 5%, and below our target for each child; this results in significant loss of learning opportunities.

<https://www.bromleyheathinfantschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-January-2022-BHI-and-BHJ.pdf>

🎅🎅🎅 Santa's grotto is returning to the Christmas fayre on 9th December! Slots are filling up fast so please book yours via PTA events (link below). Please note, year 1 and year 2 children will have the opportunity to sing at the fayre this year at 4.30pm for approx 10mins (school will be sending more info out about this next week). If you would like your year 1 or year 2 child to be involved in the singing please do not book a grotto slot for them at 4.20, 4.30 or 4.40pm. Thank you. Any questions please just ask. 🎅🎅🎅

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbromleyheathinfantschool/index.cfm?event=shop#.Y3c4PZunxPy>

Information for families who may be able to donate (and overleaf) or need this support.

Staple Hill **FOOD BANK**

CRISIS FOOD SUPPORT AVAILABLE WITH NO REFERRAL REQUIRED

Open:

Monday 12:30-4
Tuesday 10-3
Wednesday 10-1

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STAPLE HILL,
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PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN

We often need:

- Loo roll
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned tuna
- Baked beans
- Instant coffee
- Tinned soup

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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDER

Help support families in food poverty this winter!

Each day choose an item to put in a box and at the end of the month, donate it to Ignite Life food bank to support families in need

As an example:

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| Dec 1st - Instant coffee | Dec 15th - Tea |
| Dec 2nd - Pasta | Dec 16th - Sugar |
| Dec 3rd - Cereal | Dec 17th - Instant noodles |
| Dec 4th - Canned sweetcorn | Dec 18th - Jar of curry sauce |
| Dec 5th - Pasta sauce | Dec 19th - Tinned vegetables |
| Dec 6th - Biscuits | Dec 20th - Custard |
| Dec 7th - Rice | Dec 21st - Tinned tomatoes |
| Dec 8th - Loo roll | Dec 22nd - Rice pudding |
| Dec 9th - Long life milk | Dec 23rd - Vegetable oil |
| Dec 10th - Canned tuna | Dec 24th - Deoderant |
| Dec 11th - Baked beans | Dec 25th - Chocolates |
| Dec 12th - Tinned soup | |
| Dec 13th - Jam | |
| Dec 14th - Tinned fruit | |
| Dec 15th - Tea | |

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Sun 4 Dec 4pm
At Christ Church Downend

Bring your family to
CHRISTINGLE
A Downend tradition that
marks the countdown to
Christmas



Money raised for The Children's Society

COUNTING DOWN to Christmas

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Sunday 11th December
7pm Carols by Fairy Lights
your festive favourites
with a modern twist

Sunday 18th December
7pm Carols by Candle-light
Our decades old Downend
family tradition

Discover more
www.christchurchdownend.com

COUNTING DOWN to Christmas



The waiting is nearly over. The big day is almost here.
As darkness falls, relive the greatest story of all
Crib Service - a Downend family tradition

Christmas Eve 4pm



*Thank you for some truly
fabulous donations so
far!*

We need your help!

We are very passionate about play at BHIS and have been sorting and organising our classroom and outdoor learning environments. We have a few things missing that would enhance the children's play and wondered if you would be able to help? You may have old things at home that we would be very grateful to have and use at school.

Mud kitchen, sand and water play items	General items	Natural items
• Saucepans • Frying pans • Bowls • Ladles • Hand whisks • Bucket and spades • Measuring jugs • Sieves • Funnels • Rolling pins • Measuring spoons • Pipettes	• Beanbags to sit on • Dressing up clothes (this can include hats and accessories) • Toy babies, clothes and accessories • Screwdrivers • Tape measures • Animals and people figures • Cake/cookies cutters and tools for play dough • Plastic tea sets	• Large stones/pebbles • Interesting shells • Pine cones

There will be a box for donations outside the front of the school during school hours.

We will have lots of fun playing (and learning independently)!

Thank you in advance,

All of the team at Bromley Heath Infant School



DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 18th November	Children in Need: children to wear spotty or Pudsey related clothes/ ears (if they wish) with a donation if able. Details to follow next week from school council about class events Nasal-flu vaccinations for children
Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th November	FOS 'Elfridges'. We will confirm which year group ahead of Elfridges.
Tuesday 22nd November	EYFS phonics workshop in the hall at 2.45pm (new sounds)
Wednesday 23rd November	Production of 'Beauty and the Beast' for the whole school by M and M Productions
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas songs performed for grandparents (9:30-10:30)
Wednesday 7th December	Full Governing Board Meeting 2
Friday 9th December	EYFS performance to parents (9:30-10:30)
Friday 9th December	Joint BHI/ BHJ FOS Christmas Fayre 3:20-6
Monday 13th December/ Tuesday 13th December	KS1 performance to parents. Times TBC
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th December	Christmas parties
Friday 16th December	Last day of T2.
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET day. School closed to all children.
Wednesday 4th January	Term 3 starts.
Thursday 5th January	Year 2 workshop from 'Green Up Your Act' on materials.
Wednesday 11th January	Y1 trip to British Aerospace: space workshop
Tuesday 17th January	EYFS workshop for parents 18:00 (previously Wednesday 9th November)
Wednesday 18th January	Year 1 curriculum parent workshop 18:00 Year 2 curriculum parent workshop 18:30
Wednesday 1st February	Full Governing Board Meeting 3